

# THE ECHO

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**PARISH VISION:**  
A Welcoming Community,  
United in Faith,  
Centred in  
the Eucharist,  
Which embraces the Spirit  
and Nature of all  
God's People

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SALISBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

### PARISH CONTACTS:

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**Fr Shibu Jacob Msfs** – Parish Priest

**Fr James Thomson** – (on leave)

**Fr Francis Trinh Van Phat** (in residence)

**Fr Roderick O'Brien** (in residence)

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Phone: 8182 9093 (8am–4pm) and ask for  
the Catholic Chaplain

#### Calvary Central Districts Hospital:

Phone 8282 5395 (9am-5pm) and ask for  
the Pastoral Care Worker on duty

#### Parish Bulletin (*The Echo*)

**Diane Innes**

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### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

#### St Augustine's Church

23 Commercial Rd Salisbury

Saturday - 6:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am & 6:00pm

Polish Sunday - 12 noon

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month - 3:00pm (Filipino)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month - 10:30am (Italian)

#### Holy Family Mass Centre:

Shepherdson Rd Parafield Gardens

Sunday: - 10:30am

#### St Finbar's Church:

Greencroft Road, Salisbury North

Sunday: - 9:00am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday **after** 9:30am Mass and

**before** the 6:00pm Vigil Mass

5:15pm - 5:45pm

*8<sup>th</sup> December 2024*

*Second Sunday of Advent - Year C*

### WAITING IN ADVENT

*Dear parishioners,*

How good are you at waiting? For impatient children, waiting can be very difficult. "Only seventeen more sleeps to Christmas!" And we adults can get impatient, too. Frustrated drivers, waiting in a traffic jam, uselessly honk their horns. We should become more patient as we get older, but it doesn't always happen.

The season of Advent invites us to practice our skill of waiting. Advent has us looking ahead, to what is coming. But Advent also is "now", and this is the time for waiting. It is special, since we are attentive not only to what is to come, but also attentive to what it means now.

While we are waiting, we are aware of people who are part of this special time. When we are waiting for dinner, sometimes we can watch the preparation and smell and hear the cooking. (Not every cook likes us hanging around the kitchen.) There is a special person in our waiting at Advent. That person is a relative of Jesus, named John. We now know that he was preparing the way for Jesus. We are aware that John has a very important task, although we do not see the results yet. We watch John as he invites people for repentance. He uses a dramatic moment, a baptism, to give people an experience of repentance. John's preparation is not a change in the roadway, it is a change in hearts.

Our waiting also has a true grounding, a meaning. We are not just waiting aimlessly for anything to happen. Our religious tradition has given us a beautiful dream of what might happen, and we are waiting with a very positive expectation. The reading from the prophet Baruch and the Psalm today invite us to wait for a wonderful time in the future, when God visits his people and brings all kinds of blessings. It will be a time for laughter and singing. It will be a time of safety and gladness. A child can wait joyfully in the hope of getting a puppy at Christmas. A child can imagine what the puppy might look like, how they will play together, even the noises a puppy might make. Far better for us is anticipating what the coming of God will be like, putting sorrow and distress behind us, and entering into a world of integrity and peace and honour. We are not waiting without any purpose – we are waiting with an expectant joy already in our hearts.

Now is the time of waiting. We are preparing well for all the traditional things that help us to celebrate the coming of our God. But we have to find our way amidst all kind of distractions. The merchants would like us to focus on buying more and more expensive things. Don't go down that path, it does not lead to real joy. Sometimes our own family would like to put our family first. Don't go down that path – our family is important, of course, but it is God coming into the human family that brings blessings to every member of our families.

Enjoy your time of waiting! Spend these days of Advent wisely and joyfully. Gently put sorrow and distress aside, and be ready to laugh and sing. Have an Advent carol singing in your heart. And wait.

[Fr Roderick]



**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Giuseppe Condo  
Melchor Pugaha

**ONE MONTH MIND**

Maria Vallelonga

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Alejandria Calunangan  
Denis Smith (50 years)  
Enid Lopresti  
Gabriel Faelnar  
John Gary Jensen  
Nicola Cavaivolo  
Raffale Maurici  
Rocco Maurici  
Rosa Maurici  
Rosie Maranan

**THE SICK**

Aleyamma Jacob  
Chelsea Cunningham  
Chris Powell  
Corine Roberts  
Francescopaolo Mastrullo  
Hailey Valle  
Jim Love  
Joseph Riley  
Kirsten Sudario  
Mary Harris  
Michelle Purvis-Bond  
Mitchell O'Brien  
Oscar Lacuesta  
Paul Cunningham  
Paul Sahb  
Paul Waldon  
Peter Smith  
Raelene Brown  
Ramon Romero  
Tonie Michael  
Victor Ramirez  
Andrew Neal  
Carlos Barrios  
Dora Bernardi  
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman  
Enrique Barrios  
Gino Silvestri  
Grace Holmes  
Jeff Wright  
Jonathan Dee Johnny Candog  
Sofia Barrios  
Violeta Regencia

**REGULAR WEEKDAY  
MASS TIMES**

**Tues – Thurs at 8:00am**  
**Fri – Sat at 9:30am**  
**in St Augustine's Church**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon:** 9:00am – 12:30pm  
**Tues - Thurs:** 9:00am – 3:00pm  
**Fri:** 9:00am – 12:30pm

**RECONCILIATIONS  
St Augustine's Church**

**Saturday after 9:30am Mass and  
before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass**  
5:15pm-5:45pm

**BAPTISMS**

**St Augustine's Church**  
**Within Mass:**  
Every Saturday at 9:30am  
**Outside Mass:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:30am  
**Holy Family Mass Centre**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
**Within the 10:30am Mass**

**ADVENT  
PENITENTIAL  
SERVICE**

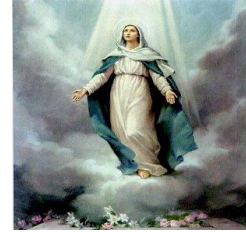


**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
at 7pm**  
**in St Augustine's Church**  
**Priests will be available for  
individual confessions**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**TUESDAY EVENING  
POLISH MASS  
WITH EXPOSITION**

In St Augustine's Church.  
Adoration at 5.30pm,  
Mass at 6.00pm.  
For all enquiries please contact:  
Polish Chaplain - 8445 8466

**SOLEMNITY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



**MASS ON MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
at 9:30AM**  
**In St Augustine's Church**

**THE ECHO – PARISH BULLETIN**

Dear Parishioners,

The weekly *Echo* – Parish Bulletin, will be issued in a **combined format** from next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and will resume to a weekly issue on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please take note of the dates listed below.

**Please Note: Notices / Names due by  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec for the inclusion in this  
combined Echo**

- Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent /
- Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Please Note: Notices / Names due by  
Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec for the inclusion in  
this combined Echo**

- Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec  
- Nativity of the Lord /
- Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec  
- Feast of the Holy Family /

**Please Note: Notices / Names due by  
Thurs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2025, 9:00am for the  
inclusion in this combined Echo**

- Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025  
- The Epiphany of the Lord.
- Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025  
- Baptism of the Lord

If you have any queries, please phone the  
Parish Office on 8258 2314.

Thank you - **Diane Innes**

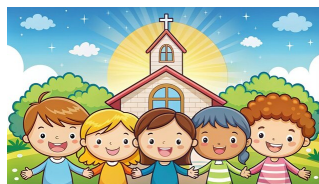
**OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION**

We are a Child Safe Organisation committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued.

~ A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ~

**CHILD SAFE CONTACT PERSONS**

- ◆ Fr Shibu Jacob
- ◆ Grace Healey
- ◆ Nicholas Dangcalan
- ◆ Louise Svendsdotter
- ◆ Diane Innes



Contact details can be found on the posters that are in the Church,  
Family Centre and Parish Office.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
CHRISTMAS 2024 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 2025**

**ADVENT BEGINS**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

St Augustine's Church

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

2PM – 4PM

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE**

St Augustine's Church

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**

7PM

**FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI /  
CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS**

St. Augustine's Church

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

8PM – 9PM (English/ Filipino)

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

St. Finbar's Church

Holy Family Mass Centre

St. Augustine's Church

St Augustine's Church

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

6 PM Saturday Vigil, 21st December

9 AM

9 AM

10.30 AM

12NOON (Polish)

6 pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL)**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

St Augustine's Church

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December**

6 PM

Family Mass

8 PM

Vigil Mass

10.00PM

Polish

12 MN

Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9 AM

(English)

10.30 AM

(Italian)

12 Noon

(Polish)

**SAINT STEPHEN'S**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> December**

9 AM

(English)

12 Noon

(Polish)

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December**

(same Mass schedule as Sunday)

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD /  
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

St. Augustine's Church

St. Augustine's Church

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2025**

9 AM

(English)

12 Noon

(Polish)

**PLEASE NOTE:** After Christmas, all weekday and Saturday Masses at St. Augustine's Church will be at **9:00AM** until the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Thank you.



**Volunteer  
for the Christmas Masses**

Calling on all who are serving Ministries at Mass, to sign up for the Eucharistic celebrations at Christmas.

Please put your name and contact details on the Christmas Masses Volunteer Sign Up sheet, located at the back of St Augustine's Church, St Finbar's Church and Holy Family Mass Centre.

**Please sign up by TODAY...**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December -Thank you.**

All Christmas Masses will be at St. Augustine's Church:

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec, Tuesday - Christmas Vigil Masses:**  
6PM, 8PM and 12MN

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec, Wednesday - Christmas Mass:**  
9AM, 10.30AM (Italian), 12Noon (Polish)

For enquiries please phone:  
Grace Healey on 8258 2314

**Salisbury Catholic Parish  
Christmas Carols**



**TODAY...Sunday, 8th December  
2:00 to 4:00 pm  
St. Augustine's Church, Salisbury**

Salisbury Catholic Parish  
cordially invites you to  
An Afternoon of Carols and Fellowship  
featuring the CFCA/YFCA North Choir,  
Fructus Agustini Choir,  
and Adelaide Choral Ambassadors.

Please bring a small plate of something to share, a small donation, a big voice, and a desire to celebrate Our Lord's Coming.

**ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP**

Advent Reflection Group will be held on Wednesdays from 9am -10am  
in the Parish Family Centre

**Advent begins Today, Sunday 1st December**

A season of joyous preparation and hopeful waiting for the birth of Jesus. Let us journey together in preparing our heart, mind and spirit by meditating on God's Word in preparation for "The Word was made flesh and He lived among us".

**FREE! ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

- Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese: **ADVENT 2024** (Available at the back of the Church). Also a PDF version of the booklet is available online at <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html> Weekly reflections will be published on the Archdiocesan Mass App (available from the Apple and Google Play stores for free), Facebook ([www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese](http://www.facebook.com/adelaidearchdiocese)) and Instagram (@adelaidecatholic).
- Catholic Diocese of Wollongong: **THE LIGHT** Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024 (Please contact our Parish office on 8258 2314)

**'JOY OF THE GOSPEL' REFLECTION BOOK 2025**

Now available from the Parish Office. Cost \$15.  
Enquiries Win Simons 0438 148 907



**LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL**

Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability. Please help provide families with food, water, and medical care.

**DONATE NOW**

[caritas.org.au/lebanondonate](http://caritas.org.au/lebanondonate)  
1800 024 413



The situation in Lebanon continues to deteriorate. In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched a special Lebanon Appeal.

This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter.

**Thank you for your support and generosity**

## COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

### ● Knights of the Southern Cross

The Knights of the Southern Cross are active in the Parish.

Contact: Paul Hawkes 0439 832 834

### ● Knitting Group (Knit & Knatter)

Will be held on Friday mornings at 10:00am after the Mass in the Parish Family Centre. We will start with a cup of tea/coffee and finish about 12.30pm.

Contact: Lorraine 8263 7333

### ● Lay Canossian Association

Will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre

### ● Reflecting the Gospel

Every Wednesday at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907

### ● Rosary at St. Finbar's

Rosary held at St Finbar's 9.00am every Saturday.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907

## NOTIZIE ITALIANE - Domenica 8 Dicembre 2024 Seconda Domenica di Avvento - Luca 1, 26-38.

In quel tempo, l'angelo Gabriele fu mandato da Dio in una città della Galilea, chiamata Nàzaret, a una vergine, promessa sposa di un uomo della casa di Davide, di nome Giuseppe. La vergine si chiamava Maria. Entrando da lei, disse: "Rallègrati, piena di grazia: il Signore è con te". A queste parole ella fu molto turbata e si domandava che senso avesse un saluto come questo. L'angelo le disse: "Non temere, Maria, perché hai trovato grazia presso Dio. Ed ecco, concepirai un figlio, lo darai alla luce e lo chiamerai Gesù. Sarà grande e verrà chiamato Figlio dell'Altissimo; il Signore Dio gli darà il trono di Davide suo padre e regnerà per sempre sulla casa di Giacobbe e il suo regno non avrà fine". Allora Maria disse all'angelo: "Come avverrà questo, poiché non conosco uomo?". Le rispose l'angelo: "Lo Spirito Santo scenderà su di te e la potenza dell'Altissimo ti coprirà con la sua ombra". Perciò colui che nascerà sarà santo e sarà chiamato Figlio di Dio. Parola del Signore.

Prima che la Chiesa dichiarasse dogma di fede dell'Immacolata concezione della Vergine, è la stessa Maria a indurci a pensarlo e a crederlo: alle parole e all'annuncio dell'Angelo, che la definiscono "Piena di grazia", lei non si esalta, ma ritiene addirittura che sia impossibile che quanto le viene detto possa avverarsi in lei: "Come è possibile?"; quando poi il messo divino la rassicura sul modo con cui la sua maternità verrà a compiersi, lei, "l'umile ancella del Signore", dichiara la sua completa disponibilità: "Si compia in me secondo la tua parola". Quella docilità, quella umiltà e quella disponibilità piena e incondizionata l'accompagnerà per tutta la sua esistenza, fino al suo glorioso transito. Nulla, assolutamente nulla, nella vita di Maria fa trapelare anche la più benché minima traccia di quelle così evidenti debolezze, derivanti dal peccato originale, che inquinano invece frequentemente la nostra vita.

### \*LE PROSSIME MESSE IN ITALIANO:

\*NATALE DEL SIGNORE: MERCOLEDÌ 25 DICEMBRE 2024

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE: DOMENICA 12 GENNAIO 2025

\*Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 4 Febbraio 2025 alle 9.00 am

\*Pranzo di Natale al Centro Mercoledì 11 Dicembre 2024



## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### St Augustine's Church:

Saturdays at 6pm

Sundays at 9am & 6pm

### St Finbar's Church:

Sundays at 9am

### Holy Family Mass Centre

Sundays at 10:30am

**NOTE:** Children's Liturgy is for children in the age group of 5-12.



## PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	1st December 2024	Avg for Year	Target
ENVELOPES	\$ 4,135.00	\$ 5,262.61	
OPEN PLATE	2,079.60	1,915.95	
TOTAL	\$ 6,214.60	\$ 7,178.54	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 2,686.00		

NOTE: Figures include Direct Debits, Credit Card Collections and Unpledged Direct Deposits.

## WEEKDAY READINGS

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Mon:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tues:	Our Lady of Loreto Is 40:1-11; Ps 95:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed:	St Damascus I Is 40:25-31; Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs:	Our Lady of Guadalupe Is 41:13-20; Ps 144:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15
Fri:	St Lucy Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat:	St John of the Cross Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:10-13
Sun:	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## PARISH SCHOOLS

### St Augustine's Parish School Years R – 6

25 Commercial Rd. Salisbury 5108

Ph: 8182 7900 Fax 8182 7999

Principal: Daniel Cowan

### Holy Family Parish School Years R – 6

71 Shepherdson Rd. Parafield Gdns. 5107

Ph: 8250 6616 Fax 8250 3043

Principal: Kerry White

### Thomas More College Years 7 – 12

23 Amsterdam Cres. Salisbury Downs 5108

Ph: 8182 2600 Fax: 8182 2699

Principal: Corey Tavella

## COUNTING ROSTER 2024

### DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS

8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Josie Shimmin & John Shimmin Ellen Arklay & Christopher Carroll
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Neil Walters & Helen Ryan Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan and Peter McEvoy
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Peter Neylon & John McGrath John McGrath Snr, Isabelle McGrath and Beth Buckley

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### ST AUGUSTINE'S

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Helen's Group

### ST FINBAR'S

14<sup>th</sup> Dec – No Group

## MASS PREPARATION TEAM

### HOLY FAMILY

15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Jessica / Chinh

# ECHO INSERT

8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent - Year C



## The Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope on the Path of Peace

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year, emphasizing it as a 'year of hope' and a call for prayer for peace. The concept of a Jubilee Year originates from Scriptures, with the first celebrated in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII, focused on grace, conversion, and repentance. The aim is to inspire holiness among the faithful and strengthen the Church's witness to God's mercy. Jubilee 2025 will celebrate the entire People of God, including consecrated life, with events in Australia on February 2nd and in Rome from October 8 to 12.

The Vatican has issued a **General Calendar of Jubilees** naming 36 organisations and groups of people invited to celebrate their lives and ministries. Here is a small sample: 16-18 February, **Artists**; 8-9 March, **Volunteers**; 5-6 April, **The Sick and Health-Care Workers**; 26-27 April, **Teenagers**, 24-26 May, **Children**, 14-15 June, **Sport**, 26-28 September, **catechists**. 30 Oct-2 November, **The World of Education**. Each group or organisation is encouraged to celebrate their Jubilee by giving thanks to God, linking with each other, and celebrating what they do in their lives and in our world. This is a wonderful invitation to parishes to celebrate one or more of these Jubilees, honouring the people within your local parish and/or school.

Archdiocesan Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is celebrating the Jubilee of Youth between the 28 July and 3 August: **Power Up 2025**. They also plan pilgrimages to the archdiocese's three chosen sites for the Jubilee Year: The Cathedral, Sevenhill and Penola.

Let's explore meaningful ways for us, as People of God, to joyfully celebrate the Jubilee Year within our parish communities! Consider reaching out to various groups to enhance our celebrations. If you have creative ideas on how we can mark the Jubilee Year 2025 in our parish, we'd love to hear from you! Please share your thoughts with the Parish Pastoral Council at [enquire@salcath.org.au](mailto:enquire@salcath.org.au)

*Let's get excited about celebrating the Jubilee Year together as the vibrant People of God! This is a fantastic opportunity to engage with our local parish community in unique and meaningful ways. Consider gathering with different groups, whether within the parish or beyond, to honour this special time. If you're eager to dive into the festivities, check out the Jubilee Calendar at this link: [www.jubilaeum2025.va](http://www.jubilaeum2025.va). It will lead you straight to the Vatican website, where you can find inspiration for our celebrations! Let's make this Jubilee Year unforgettable!*

**Pope Francis concludes the Jubilee prayer with:** May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures that only you, God, can give to us. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of Christ, our Redeemer, throughout the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. **AMEN**

### PPC UPDATES- Meeting held on 12 November 2024

#### A. Updates/feedback on parish programs

**Memorial Mass and All Souls Day Masses:** We were pleased to welcome over 300 attendees to the Memorial Mass. Thanks to the support of the Green Team, the Mass held at the cemetery was particularly poignant. The 9:30 AM Mass attracted approximately 200 participants, contributing to a strong overall turnout.

**Confirmation (Christ the King Group):** We are excited to announce that nine candidates will be confirmed on November 23rd during the 6 PM vigil Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan as the celebrant. Preparations for this meaningful event are well underway.

**Christmas Masses:** The schedules for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses have been finalised, and the choirs are diligently practising.

**Liturgical Committee:** The Liturgical Committee has been re-established and will hold its first meeting on November 14th at 5:30 PM. The committee includes- Grace Healey (Chair), Fran Renshaw, Victor, Sharmaine, Albert and Fr. Shibu.

**Formation Program:** We are pleased to announce that a five-week Advent program is ongoing with consistent attendance.

#### B. Correspondence

##### **School board reports**

**St. Augustine's Parish School** is making good progress on its new building. 2025 Principal Dan Cowan plans to attend the Parish Pastoral Council meetings. **Holy Family School** welcomes a new principal, Chris Platten, who replaces Mr. Kerry White. A Sunday Mass will mark Mr. White's farewell, and the school has created a new Master Plan for future initiatives. **Thomas More College:** business as usual, with ongoing construction of new buildings and preparations for end-of-year programs.

*B. Correspondence (Cont'd)*

**Two parishioners contacted PPC** regarding a community garden and a suggestion for a recycling bin for leftover copies of *The Echo*. After careful consideration, we responded to both queries, which had already been published in the *ECHO*.

**Siena Hall**, owned by the parish and located on SAP school premises, has been used less since establishing the new Parish Family Centre. The Parish Finance Committee proposed to meet with St. Augustine's School, involving Principal Dan Cowan, Chairperson Perry, and Fr. Shibu. The meeting took place and recommended an independent evaluation of the property's potential benefits and challenges concerning a possible transfer. This proposal has been shared with the Parish Admin and Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. It will soon be discussed with the Archbishop, the Diocesan Financial Administrator, the Catholic Church Endowment Society, and the Catholic Education Office.

**C. Any Other Business**

**Feedback on Quiz Night:** The event was successful, with over 70 attendees and \$758 raised. Parishioner feedback was very positive, noting the enjoyable atmosphere.

**Salisbury Parish Christmas Carols:** The event is scheduled for December 8th at 2 p.m., and a guest choir has been invited. Andrew Hall will be the Master of Ceremonies. All choirs will perform before refreshments, and a small donation will be collected for a social cause.

**Multicultural Mass in May 2025:** A proposed date of May 25, 2025, is under consideration. Plans are to enhance participation and community engagement in varied ways. Rachele will coordinate with Holy Family and Thomas More. To encourage involvement, transport services for parishioners from St Finbar's and Holy Family need to be revisited.

**2025 - The Jubilee Year:** This is an opportunity to emphasise ONENESS in our parish community, with potential programs promoting unity and collective participation.

**Christmas Cards from the PPC:** It is recommended to continue distributing Christmas cards with the Christmas Mass schedule, encouraging parishioners to share them with those who may not regularly attend Mass.

**Mass at Spains Road Mausoleum:** On November 2, a Mass was held at *Spains Road Mausoleum* without parish permission. Parishioners have reported this issue to PPC, and the archdiocese and parishioners have been informed. Moving forward, we will follow the Archdiocesan policy of prohibiting Masses in mausoleums.

Summary of PPC Meeting's Minutes to be published in the *ECHO* – achieved, ongoing

**D. Next meeting:** Wednesday 11 December @ 6:00 pm – Christmas Break up

*Heidi Oria & Sue Knight*



How FABULOUS was the **Advent/Christmas Workshop!?!?**

We had over 70 children plus their parents/grandparents, come along to join in the fun of Advent and Christmas crafts, songs and reflections.

It was our biggest attendance ever! There is no way it could have been such a success without our generous and dedicated team of volunteers.

I would like to sincerely thank **Lorraine and Ray Thalbourne, Mary Kwan, Krystal Venables, Hayley Ardenete, Winnifred Simons, Fran Renshaw, Mandy Curtis, Grace Healey and Michael Svensdotter.**

Special thanks also to **Br. Godwin James** for his beautiful presentation to the adults and for manning one of the activity stations!

It was lovely to see the children and families joining in with such enthusiasm and getting into the Christmas Spirit!

The workshop will be a treasured memory for everyone there!

Blessings to all,

*Louise*



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